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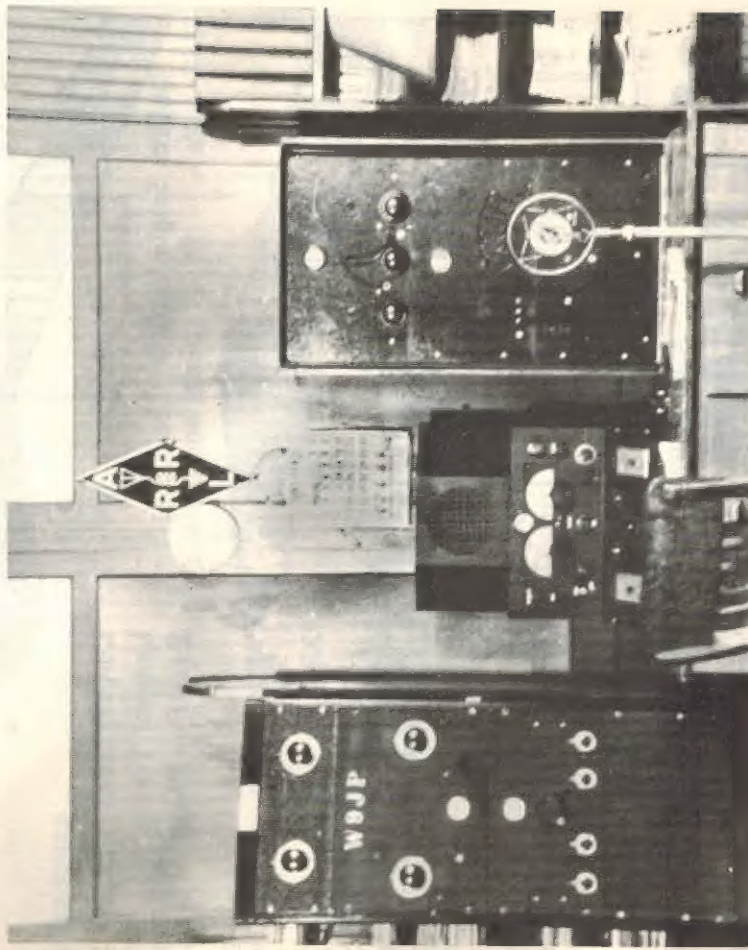
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The Indianapolis Radio Club is on the eve of its 50th birthday anniversary. Starting with a small group of amateur radio operators who first met to form a club on October 28, 1914, the club has grown to its present stature of more than 100 members.

Since that first meeting in Carl Dean's basement on North Capitol, the club has met regularly, making it perhaps the oldest continuously active radio club in the United States . . . and maybe even in the world, who knows? During wartime, the attendance at meetings dwindled as members went off to do their patriotic duty. During peacetime, it flourished, and among the members were hams from all walks of life.

Although purely coincidental, it's interesting to note that 1964 also is the 50th anniversary of the American Radio Relay League, with which the IRC is affiliated.

The Ama-Chewer has been the IRC publication for 24 of the club's 50 years, so it's especially appropriate that this enlarged issue be devoted to recalling some of the significant, interesting and amusing events in the club's history. In recent weeks, many of the members who have seen the club develop through the years have been dragging picture albums and newspaper clippings from the bottoms of drawers and the backs of closet shelves so you may see and read of the club's rich history.

The editor is especially grateful to the following persons who have helped gather this material and get it ready for publication:

D. J. Angus	W9CYQ
Bob Annis	ex-9CUD
Bob Caskey	W9DNQ
Ray Forbes	W9HNS
Jerry Lucas	W9APJ
Alvey Pittman	W9JJC
Harry Silcox	ex-9EE
Noble Watson	W9WE

On the cover of this issue is W9JP, the club station, as it looked when the club quarters were at the Insley Mfg. Co.

## THE PRESIDENT'S FREQUENCY

Thirty-five years ago, I attended an Indianapolis Radio Club meeting for the first time. There I met the fellows who were actually licensed amateurs and listened to talk of QSOs and radio lingo, most of it way over my head.

For a long time I only listened. I was afraid to open my mouth in the exalted presence of those who actually were doing the things that I had only read about.

As I look back on those years, I realize that attendance at those meetings and the many meetings that followed was responsible for a majority of the lasting friendships, pleasant associations and memories of my life.

Since this issue of Ama-Chewer will enjoy a wider than usual circulation, perhaps I should take this opportunity to extend an invitation to all those who are not members or have not attended one of our meetings to pay us a visit in the near future. The club meets every second and fourth Friday, except during July and August, in the Indianapolis Park Board Building at 29th and Harding.

I can think of no activity in the pursuit of any hobby or occupation that pays larger dividends than meeting with others of similar interests and exchanging ideas and talking over experiences.

Why not mark your calendar right now while you are thinking about it, and pay us a visit?

Come on out and meet face to face some of the fellows you have been talking to over the air, and enjoy a top notch program.

73,

DE W9APJ

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Don't forget to order your amateur call letter license plate this year! The deadline for applications is Oct. 1. Forms may be picked up at the Special Sales Dept., Bureau of Motor Vehicles, room 402, State Office Building.





#### RECOLLECTIONS OF THE FIRST MEETING

Harry Silcox, ex-9EE, 3902 Forest Manor, recalls the first meeting at Carl Dean's home where the Indianapolis Radio Club was formed. That's Harry on the left in the photo above looking over pictures of club activities with D. J. Angus, W9CYQ. Here are some of Harry's recollections of the first meeting, of early day amateur radio activities, and of some of his later experiences in radio:

"There must have been about seven or eight there (at Carl Dean's house). We used to meet to swap know-how because there were no publications--there was no other way of getting information. We had to learn how to make rotary spark gaps--and how to keep the slugs from coming out and going through the wall . . . .

"You might wonder where we got the wire to make transformers. We used wire from bell ringers--old ones from the telephone company. We had an engineer friend in the telephone company who tipped us off where the junked equipment was going--to a junk yard on McCarty Street. The fellow there would let us have the run of the place. We'd pick out

a pile of stuff for maybe 50¢. It was 32 or 36 silk covered wire on the ringers. We used a whale of a lot of it making pancakes for 1 KW transformers. That's the way we started. We had to make everything. There was nothing obtainable at all. That's where Carl excelled. He worked for a place on Ft. Wayne Avenue that built the equivalent of today's diathermy machines and ozone producers and that sort of stuff. They had Carl build their transformers. He was a big help to us because he knew enough about transformers to fill a book. We got to getting steel from the Power and Light Co. out of transformers. There was no source of manufactured equipment. We made condensers out of glass and foil, later of thin brass sheets and tanks of oil. We made everything, batteries and all . . . .

"Carl Dean had the first station I worked on the air. Then I discovered there was some guy in the neighborhood on the air. I could see him blinking my lights . . . .

"We spent all our time at radio. It took all our time, by the time we made something and got it working. Two chances out of three we burned it up on the first try . . . .

"I worked for the Air Service as a civilian at Wilbur Wright Field in Ohio in 1918-19-20. I worked as an amateur out of there. We had our own station which we operated on all wave lengths including amateur. When we had off hours, we'd come down on short wave -- 200 meters--and work amateur stations. Billy Mitchell used to drop in to the radio room when he stopped at the field while flying around the country. He was always curious as a cat. He asked us to make him a transmitter like we amateurs were using. We sent it to him at Langley Field. All they had to do was set it up and start operating. This led to the setting up of an Army network. We started sending messages back and forth and soon were handling all sorts of Army messages to and from Washington headquarters . . . .

"I was a radio operator in the Navy in World War I. I went to radio school and found I knew more than the teachers did. Later I got out of operating and amateur work, and into commercial broadcasting. I had a station at Dayton. Herbert Hoover made a speech there over my station. We ran wires across two or three buildings to a hotel, and concealed the microphone with a big wood mixing bowl and a bunch of flowers."



## INDIANAPOLIS RADIO CLUB HISTORY

By Jerry Lucas, W9APJ, and Bob Caskey, W9DNQ

On October 28, 1914, nearly a half century ago, the small group of "wireless nuts" in the Indianapolis area banded together to increase "our knowledge of the art of wireless and to further the course of amateur radio."

It is small wonder that the charter members of the Indianapolis Radio Club met in their respective homes since the general public viewed askance those who hid away in attics and cellars and pretended to talk over the "aether."

With time, however, came public tolerance, if not acceptance, and the records show called meetings during 1916 to 1918 at the old Madison Avenue library, the old Chamber of Commerce Building, Manual Boys' Club, and occasionally at some church. From 1918 to 1920, the old Chamber of Commerce Building on South Meridian served as a meeting place.

From 1920 until 1926, the club occupied quarters in the old Shortridge High School, the YMCA, the old Chamber of Commerce Building, and then back to the YMCA. It was during 1923 and 1924 that the club built and operated WBBI, one of the pioneer broadcast stations. In 1924, the club obtained its own amateur license, W9JP, which the club still holds, making 1964 the 40th anniversary for the club station. The club moved on April 5, 1926, to the old Naval Reserve Armory on East North. W9JP was on the air there until early 1928, when the club left the old Armory because the building was to be torn down to make way for the World War Memorial, and moved to the Merchant's Heat and Light Co. at Meridian and Washington, the "daylight corner." It was not until November of the same year, when a move to the Century Building was made, that operation of W9JP again was possible.

During the next four years the club flourished at this location, and an increasing membership made possible the sponsoring of hamfests and many outings to Indiana state parks.

From 1932 to 1935, the club met in room 319 of the Peoples Bank Building, and then for the next three years the Wimmer Building, the Liberty Building at 113 S. Capitol, and St. Paul's Episcopal Church on the southwest corner of Ill-

inois and New York served as headquarters.

In the fall of 1938, the club moved to quarters in the Insley Manufacturing Co. at St. Clair and Olney. It was there that the club enjoyed some of the most active years in its history. With W9JP on the air on 20-40-80-160 meters on both phone and CW and with ample space and kitchen facilities, it was uncommon to have a day pass without some sort of activity at the club room. While at that location, the Thursday Night Gang, composed of YLs and XYLs of members, was formed. They made drapes for the windows with IRC emblems--fancy! In 1940, the Central Division ARRL convention in the Claypool Hotel was sponsored by the Club.

With the advent of World War II and the loss of these quarters, coupled with the curtailment of amateur activities, the club's fortune took a nose dive. Meetings in the early war years were in Cropsey Auditorium at the public library, and during April, June, and July of 1943, it was found necessary to stain the proud record of the club and actually pay for a meeting place in the Warren Hotel.

After this indignity, however, meetings were held regularly at Fire Headquarters at New York and Alabama. With a high percentage of its members in the armed services and the rest engaged in war work, a turnout of four or five for a meeting was not unusual. A WERS (War Emergency Radio Service) rig was maintained and used at Fire Headquarters during those lean years.

After the war, the struggle to regain pre-war status began, and on January 5, 1947, the club moved to rooms above a drug store at 25th and Station, and then to the Northeast Community Center on East 30th on February 5, 1947. It was during the period spent at the Northeast Community Center that W9JP was put back on the air for a short time.

A move to the fourth floor of the USO Servicemen's Center at 100 N. Capitol was made on May 4, 1951, where a more elaborate W9JP set-up was installed.

From this location the club moved to the Marine Armory at White River Parkway and 29th in October, 1952, and then in 1958 to the present meeting place in the Indianapolis Park Board Building at 29th and Harding.

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In this history of the club's wanderings we make no mention of the hard-working and loyal members who found meeting places for the club, arranged for or gave interesting programs, found time to participate in emergency nets at state fairs, conducted code classes, displayed amateur radio to the public at hobby shows, and sponsored hamfests, picnics, and division conventions. To make a complete list of names of those who contributed of their time, efforts and talents would be an impossible job.

It is those pioneer "wireless nuts" and those who followed in their footsteps through the intervening years that now make possible a golden anniversary of the Indianapolis Radio Club.

Today, fifty years later, it is fitting and proper that we honor those pioneer hams whose efforts helped make amateur radio the fascinating the widely recognized activity it is.

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#### PROGRAM REVIEW

Although it is practically ancient history now, Bob Creviston, K9VMG, should be given credit for the fine program on single sideband he gave the club on June 12, 1964.

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#### PROGRAM PREVIEW

Sept. 25 - 50th ANNIVERSARY OBSERVANCE, 8 p.m. IPALCO Hall.

Oct. 9 - A program by the Tech High School Radio Club, directed by Jerry Bramblett, W9POF.

Oct. 23 - Art Schultz, W9NNX, on "A Modern Look at the Atom." Those who have heard Art before know better than to miss this one.

Nov. 13 - Bob Annis, ex-9CUD, on "Magnetics."

Nov. 27 - Bring the XYL for "The Lure of the Orient" by R. J. Kryter--color slides of Bob's trip through southeast Asia with narration in his own inimitable style.

#### IRC PRESIDENTS

1923	Dudley Andrews, 9EAD
1924	Andrews; R. D. Scobey, 9 BIW
1925	Scobey; Fred Finehout, 9PI, 9CLO
1926	Fred Finehout, 9PI, 9CLO
1927	" "
1928	" "
1929	Bob Annis, 9CUD
1930	" "
1931	G. K. Johnson
1932	" "
1933	Art Braun, W9TE, W9GJG
1934	C. W. Soltan, W9CRV
1935	M. C. Bartlett, W9JHY, W9MC
1936	Nelson Trusler, W9FOS
1937	Noble Burkhardt, W9QG, W9CKG
1938	Arnold Dickmeyer, W9JPX
1939	Bill Lueth, W9DSC
1940	Don Davis, W9JYP
1941	" "
1942	LeRoy Waggoner, W9YMW
1943	" " ; Alvey Pittman, W9JJG
1944	Bob Caskey, W9DNQ; Harold Schultz, W9AOG
1945	Otto Walters, W9YOT
1946	Harold Schultz, W9AOG
1947	Arnold Dickmeyer, W9JPX; Bob Caskey, W9DNQ
1948	Ray Forbes, W9HNS
1949	Earl Springer, W9HTB, W9BWI, W9BES
1950	Alvey Pittman, W9JJG
1951	Robert Evans, W9FKX
1952	Jerry Todd, W9ATS
1953	John Jones, W9FZW
1954	Wayman Herkless, W9URC
1955	Guy Oakes, W9UQW
1956	Don McFarling, W9AWN
1957	Cliff Singer, W9SWD
1958	Doyal McVicker, W9JZV
1959	Ben Marcel, K9IUH
1960	Alvey Pittman, W9JJG
1961	Bert Brouse, K9JSF
1962	Ed Ward, K9CRS
1963	Marshall Lincoln, K9KTL
1964	Jerry Lucas, W9APJ, W9AHL





#### IRC PICTURE ALBUM

Beginning on this page is a collection of photographs of IRC activities borrowed from the members who have helped put together this issue of the Ama-Chewer.

Blanks in the captions indicate those persons who, unfortunately, we just couldn't identify.

Above, front row, in a picture taken in front of Bob Stuart's shack on North Meridian, are George R. Bauder, E. L. Hutton, Frank Carroll, Glen Charpie, Don White, Harold Ferguson, and Earl Springer.

Second row: \_\_\_\_\_, G. K. Johnson, \_\_\_\_\_, Fred Finehout, Bob Stuart, Charles Soltan, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, Jake Worley.

Back row: \_\_\_\_\_, Jerry Lucas, Myron McKee, \_\_\_\_\_, Fay Gehres, and John Hall.



This group of eager wireless enthusiasts gathered in front of the old Blind School on East North Street to have this picture taken.

In 1926 and 1927, the club met at the old Naval Reserve Armory just across the street from where this photo was taken.

Front row: George Graue, D. J. Angus, Bob Caskey, Albert Burns, Paul Nelson, E. L. Hutton, Bud Palin, \_\_\_\_\_.

Middle row: Jake Worley, \_\_\_\_\_, Harold Ferguson, Joe Charpie, John Hall, Bob Stark, \_\_\_\_\_.

Back row: \_\_\_\_\_, Larry Goetz, Bob Annis.

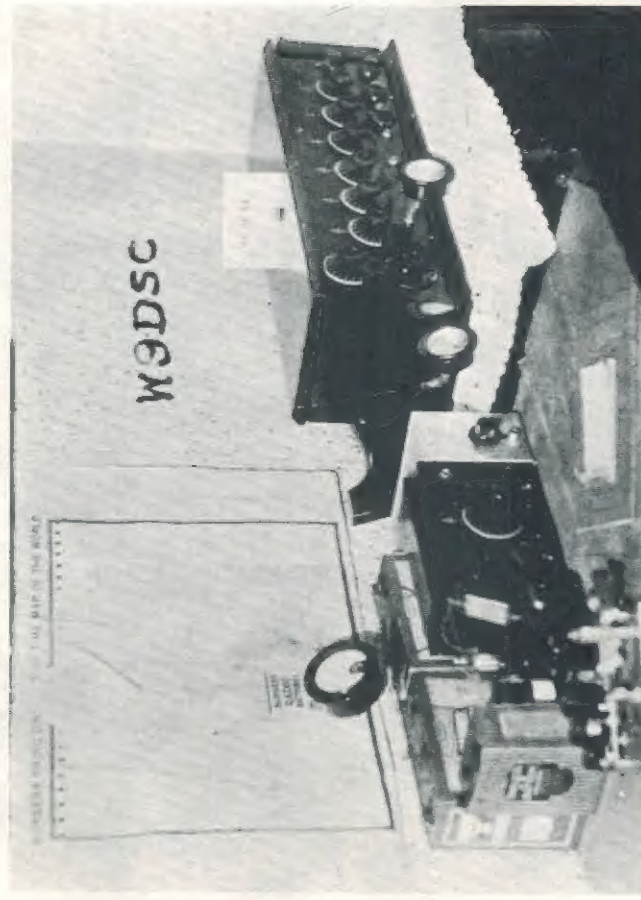
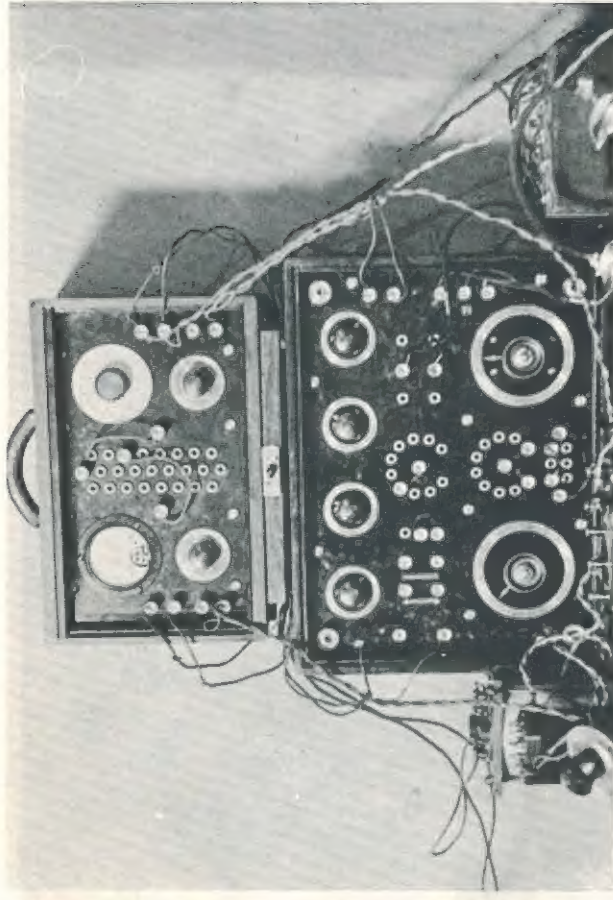




TOP PHOTO: IRC gang at Grand Haven, Mich.  
 Front: Jerry Lucas, Lee Askren, D. J. Angus, Bob Oler.  
 Back: Noble Burkhardt, Bob Annis, G. K. Johnson



BOTTOM PHOTO: IRC gang in D. J. Angus' room at YMCA.  
 Front: Bob Annis, D. J. Angus, Jim Daily, Joe Charpie.  
 Middle: \_\_\_\_\_, Fred Finehout, \_\_\_\_\_, Bob Caskey,  
 Harold Ferguson.  
 Back: Dee Pell, Edwin Bernhardt, Bob Stuart, G. K. Johnson,  
 Paul Freeman.



TOP: This ham station was built by D. J. Angus in the early days before he had a license.

BOTTOM: This neat installation was set up by Bill Lueth, W9DSC, in his bedroom.





In 1940, the Indianapolis Radio Club undertook a real man-killer job: putting on a convention. The club sponsored the ARRL Central Division convention that year. It was a gala event in the Claypool Hotel and did much to inspire interest in amateur radio.

In the top photo are the members of the convention committee: John Hall, Gene VanSickle, Bob Caskey, Noble Burkhardt, Nelson Trusler, Don Davis, Carrol McDonald, Bob Stuart, Larry Goetz, M. C. Bartlett, Thornton Graham, J. R. Langston.

In the bottom photo are a group of hams looking in a window at a radio broadcast at the convention.

Front: \_\_\_\_\_, Don Brewer, D. J. Angus.

Back: Bob Caskey, Don Davis, Paul Shelton, Gene VanSickle, \_\_\_\_\_.



TOP: A group of YLs and XYLs at the 1940 convention.

BOTTOM: Two blind hams, formerly active in Indianapolis, pose for a photo. At left is Jim Daily, and at right is Bert Bucey.





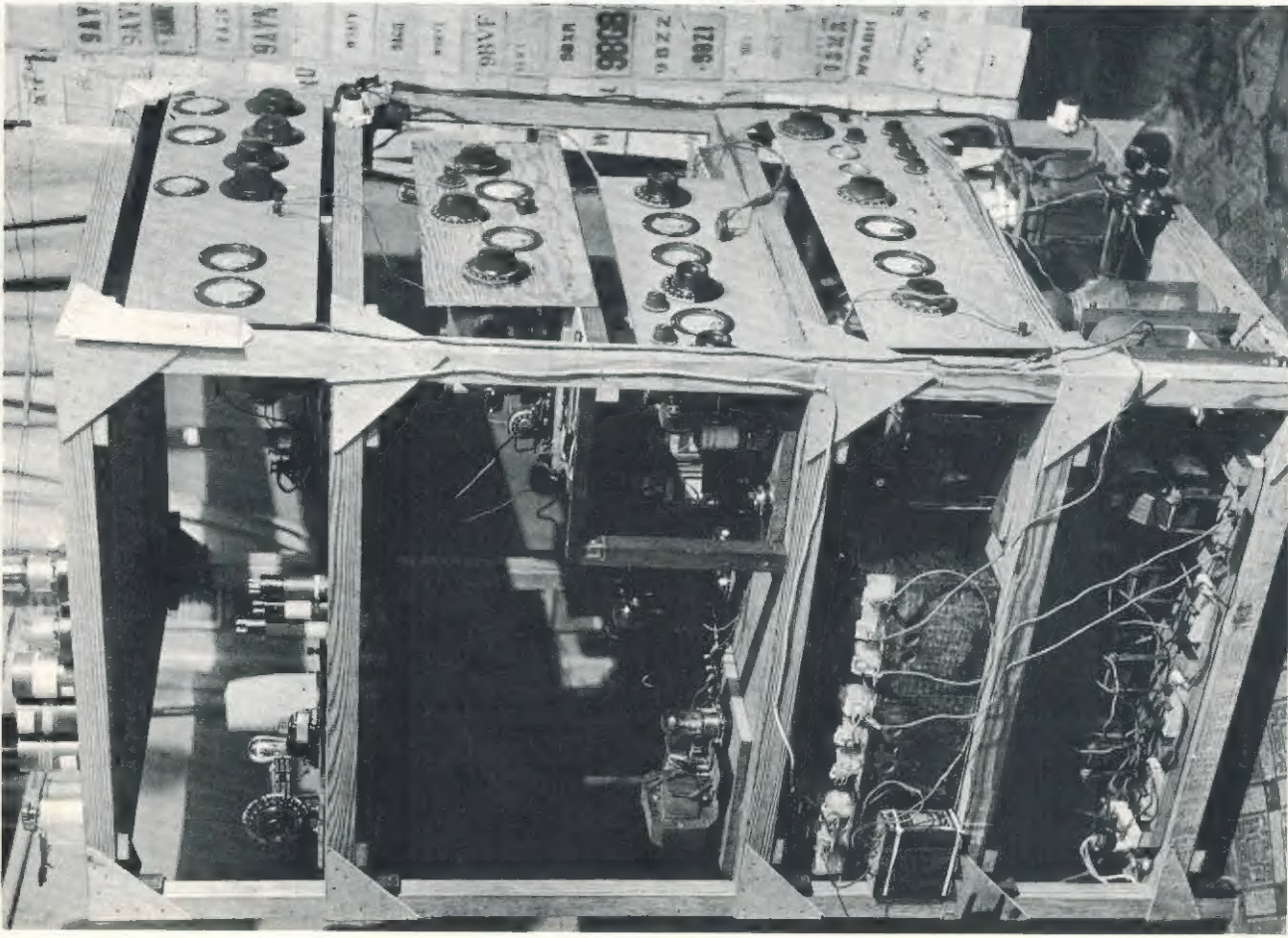
TOP: A club meeting at the Northeast Community Center in 1948. Front: Al Wellman, Bill Lueth, Otto Walters, Harry Butler, Bert Bucey.

Second row: D. J. Angus, Howard Severeid, Alvey Pittman, Al Whiseanand, Art Evans, Monty Montgomery.

Third row: \_\_\_\_\_, Howard Yost, Chet Martin, Bob Annis, Charles Willoughby.

In back: Joe Brand, Elmer Marchino, Ray Forbes, Charles Campbell, Bill Manning, Art Schultz, Don Davis, Jake Worley, Bob Caskey.

BOTTOM: A bit of horse play among the IRC gang at Grand Haven, where members frequently were guests of D. J. Angus on board his 50-foot cabin cruiser.



A rack-constructed rig the way they used to be built--with 2 x 2s for supports and plywood for shelves and panels. This one belonged to Clyde Hackett, W9ELX.





TOP LEFT: Bob Caskey operates a handy-talky at a club outing in Washington Park.

TOP RIGHT: Noble Burkhardt with an impressive piece of radio gear during a field test.

BOTTOM: Listening with headphones to the performance of a piece of portable equipment are Nobel Burkhardt, Dugald McDougal and Earl Springer.



TOP: IRC members and families at a radio picnic.

BOTTOM: IRC code class at Tech High School in 1948.





TOP LEFT: The IRC pin, shown here several times real size, was available to members a number of years ago.

TOP RIGHT: Hiram Percy Maxim, pioneer amateur, was largely responsible for the founding of the American Radio Relay League, which also is observing its 50th anniversary this year.

BOTTOM: Al Whisenand mans an amateur station supplying communications for the Red Cross at the state fair several years ago.



TOP: This group of long-time ham radio operators were among those attending the 1956 Old Timers Night at the IRC.

Front: W. E. Davis, D. J. Angus, Noble Watson, Earl Springer, John Hall.

Back: Martin Lucinger, Harry Smith, M. C. Bartlett, Myron McKee, Rudy Crandall, Woody Cook, Ray Forbes, Bob Stuart, Fred Finehout.

BOTTOM: Bob Osterhaus demonstrates one of the ham stations set up in the IRC booth at the 1959 Hobby Show.



Not many amateur radio club members can boast that their club once operated a commercial broadcast station, but members of the IRC can.

The call was WBBI, and it operated in Indianapolis in 1923 and 1924, when all forms of radio were in their infancy. Noble Watson, W9WE, a pioneer Indianapolis ham, recalls it was in operation about the same time that he operated WBBZ, one of the numerous commercial stations with which he has been affiliated. WBBI was housed in a sort of house trailer occupied by the station operator and his family. The station license was issued to Nobe, he recalls, because he had a commercial ticket, and the man who was actually in charge didn't.

On Sunday, March 30, 1924, the station operator fell victim to an overdose of the gargle, as the fluid is sometimes called, and began telling off-color jokes on the air. Some other club members rushed out and pulled the big switch, but the damage had been done.

"There were no official repercussions," D. J. Angus recalls, "although a few people around town mentioned it increased their store of stories. We decided that rather than argue about it, we would just shut the station down." And that ended the operation of the IRC's own broadcast station.

Nobe's station, WBBZ, operated at his home on Iowa Street, flourished, however. He later sold it to a theatrical company. It's now owned by a newspaper at Ponca City, Okla. If you're driving through there some day, you can hear Nobe's old call letters in use.

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Many amateur operators don't seem to know it, but they may obtain free copies of two booklets that explain many of the ins and outs of the ARRL field organization, traffic handling procedures, operating awards and emergency procedures. These booklets are "Operating an Amateur Radio Station" and "Emergency Communications Manual." Any licensed amateur, whether a member of the League or not, may obtain a free copy of each by sending a radiogram or a postcard to ARRL headquarters. Do you have your copies?



Smiling just after their election and before they learned how much work there was to be done are this year's officers of the Indianapolis Radio Club.

Front: Jim Sugioka, vice-president; Jerry Lucas, president; Ward Studor, secretary.

Back: Alvey Pittman, director; Dick Kinnett, chief operator; Pat Husk, treasurer, and Marshall Lincoln, director.

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#### 50th ANNIVERSARY OBSERVANCE PROGRAM

Roll Call

Remarks:

Phil Haller, W9HFG, Central Division ARRL director

Ed Handy, W1BDI, Communications Manager, ARRL headquarters

Main program: Earl Springer, W9HTB, reviews 50 years of

amateur radio in Indianapolis

Eyeball QSOs and refreshments



## W9JP -- THE IRC STATION

The Indianapolis Radio Club obtained the call W9JP in 1924 when the club was meeting in the old Naval Reserve Armory on East North Street. This building was just across the street from the Blind School, which later was moved to its present location on North College.

The station was operated in the Naval Armory until the club moved to the Merchants Heat and Light Building in early 1928. The station was put back on the air when a ham shack was set up in the Century Building the same year. Later, the station became silent again, except for club outings as a portable, until the club moved to the Liberty Building, on South Capitol, about 1936.

In 1940, the station was set up with a very FB antenna system for 160, 80, 40 and 20 meters at the Insley Building, at Olney and St. Clair. Transmitters were in operation there on all the bands, and the most active operation of W9JP in the club history occurred at that location. That station is pictured on the cover of this Ama-Chewer.

With amateur operation banned in World War II, W9JP left the air, to return in 1947 when it was set up in the Northeast Community Center. The station was moved to the Service Men's Center for a short time in 1952, then was dismantled when the club began meeting in the Marine Armory. Since then, W9JP has ceased to exist as an established station, but the call is used for Field Day and for special activities in which the club is involved.

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## BLIND SCHOOL RADIO ACTIVITIES

By Bob Caskey, W9DNQ

In 1960, the Indianapolis Radio Club began a project of teaching amateur radio techniques to interested pupils at the Indiana School for the Blind. Members have commented this project is one of the outstanding achievements by the IRC in its history. The first school year, four pupils obtained Novice licenses as follows: Harriett Heiney, Anderson, KN9ZGD; Kay Houchin, Mitchell, KN9ZGA; Stephen Speicher, Indianapolis, KN9ZFP, and Raymond Warren, Dayton, Ind., KN9ZGR. All but Steve were graduated that year. Steve ob-



tained his Technician license the next year, and Ray later obtained his Technician license also.

During the second school year, three more pupils obtained Novice licenses: Bobby Easterling, Anderson, WN9CSP; Keith Reedy, Terre Haute, WN9DRO, and Bruce LeMond, Anderson, WN9CYG. Bruce and Keith obtained their Technician licenses the following year, and last year they passed the General exam. Last year, David Kline, South Bend, passed his Novice exam and was assigned WN9JPW. Steve, Keith, Bruce and David comprise the present group of licensed operators at the school.

Last December, a radio club was formed at the school and a station license application made, with the call W9JPX requested. This call was held by Arnold Dickmeyer, who died in 1947 while president of the IRC. The request was granted by the FCC and the license received last spring. It is felt that the call, resembling W9JP, the call issued to the IRC, is a fitting memorial both to the past president of the IRC and as a call closely associated with the organization sponsoring the amateur activity at the school. Keith Reedy is shown above operating the blind school station.



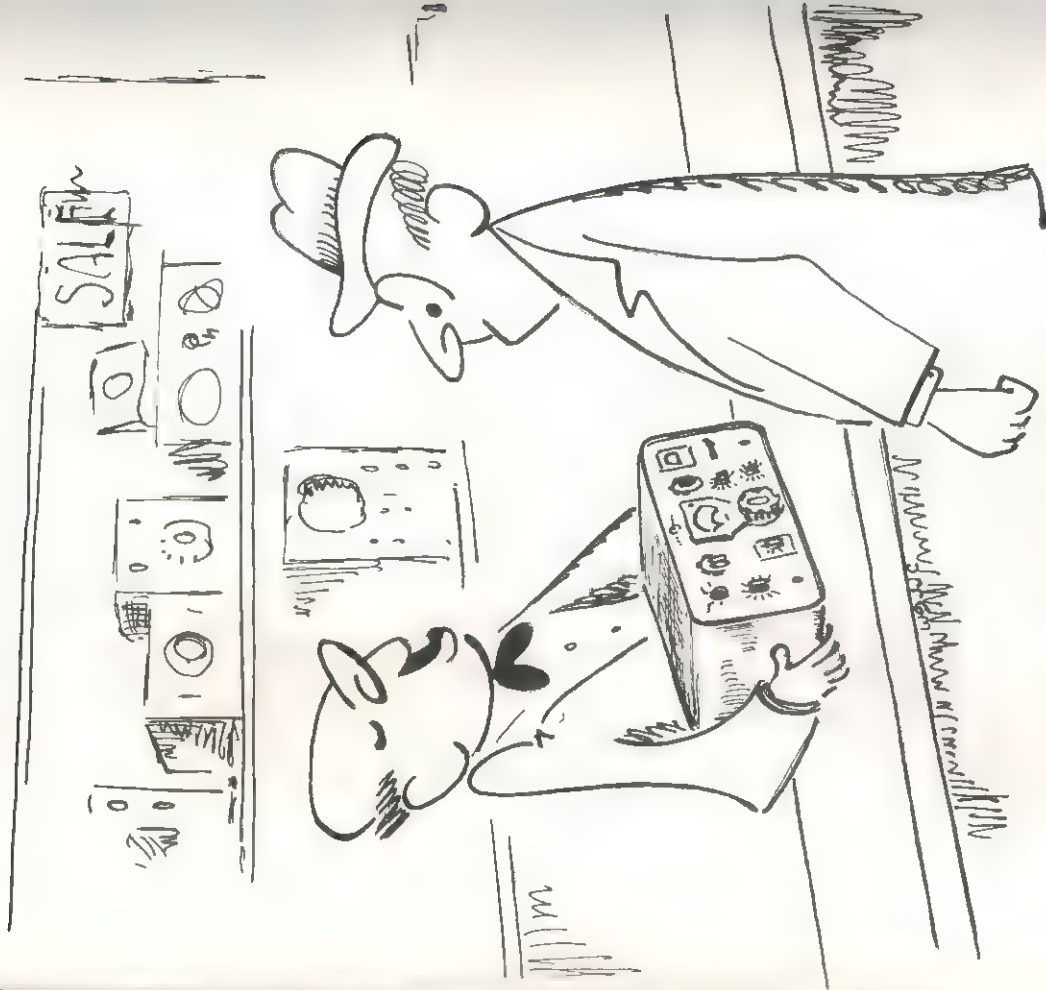
# WE FOUND A GUY WHO LIKES TO DRAW

In recent years, the Ama-Chewer has had its pages enlivened with cartoons from the whimsical pen of Alvey Pittman, W9JJC. Some of them have caught the eyes of other editors and been reprinted in other amateur publications.

Culled from a stack of Ama-Chewers are these, representative of Alvey's sense of humor applied to ham radio.



I'LL GET TO WORK FIELD DAY AFTER ALL DEAR -  
I GOT FIRED TODAY!



THINK OF THE HAPPY HOURS - THE DX QSO,  
THE THRILL OF SOLID CONTACTS -  
THE SHEER JOY OF IT ALL  
ARE YOU GOING TO OVERLOOK  
ALL THAT JUST BECAUSE  
YOU CAN'T AFFORD IT?



## AMA—CHEWER HISTORY

The Ama-Chewer you're reading now is a far cry from the first club paper, put out March 1, 1940. The first issue of the paper was titled the "Scandal Sheet," and was put out by a young fellow named Don Brewer, who now heads a large advertising agency in Detroit. It was a single mimeographed sheet.

The title "W9JP Ama-Chewers" first appeared on an issue date July 1, 1940. Bob Caskey, W9DNQ, whose deathless prose may be found scattered through this issue, became editor in September, 1940, and has put in a lot of work on the paper at various times down through the years.

Editing a club paper is generally a job that falls to whoever is luckless enough to volunteer for the job--and if a volunteer can't be found, one must be sandbagged. So it is that numerous club members had their fingers in the printers ink for a number of years as the Ama-Chewer continued, more or less regularly, to record club activities. Included were Paul Nelson, W9BHC; Nelson Trusler, W9FOS; Lynne Hull, W9NPFV; Charlie Mitten, W9VNV; Bill Lueth, W9DSC, and Otto Walters, W9YOT.

In recent years, editors have been Butch Singer, K9IXD; Doyal McVicker, W9JZV; Ben Marcel, K9IUH, and Lee Easley, K9QDR. Marshall Lincoln, K9KTL, became editor starting with the September, 1963, issue.

Until a few years ago, the Ama-Chewer was mimeographed, but starting with the October, 1959, issue, it has gone "down town" and is multilithed by Pat Husk, K9EUQ, who also does other printing jobs for the club, including biannual production of a directory of Marion County hams. Local radio stores and hams in business have supported the paper and directory with ads.

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An article in Groundwaves, published by the Joliet Amateur Radio Society, concluded comments on some of the irresponsible mud-slinging going on these days in regard to amateur radio by saying: "If an INCOME of supporters is dependent on an OUTPUT of lies, the UPKEEP of the deception will be the DOWNFALL of the purpose."



HE WANTS TO PUT ON A  
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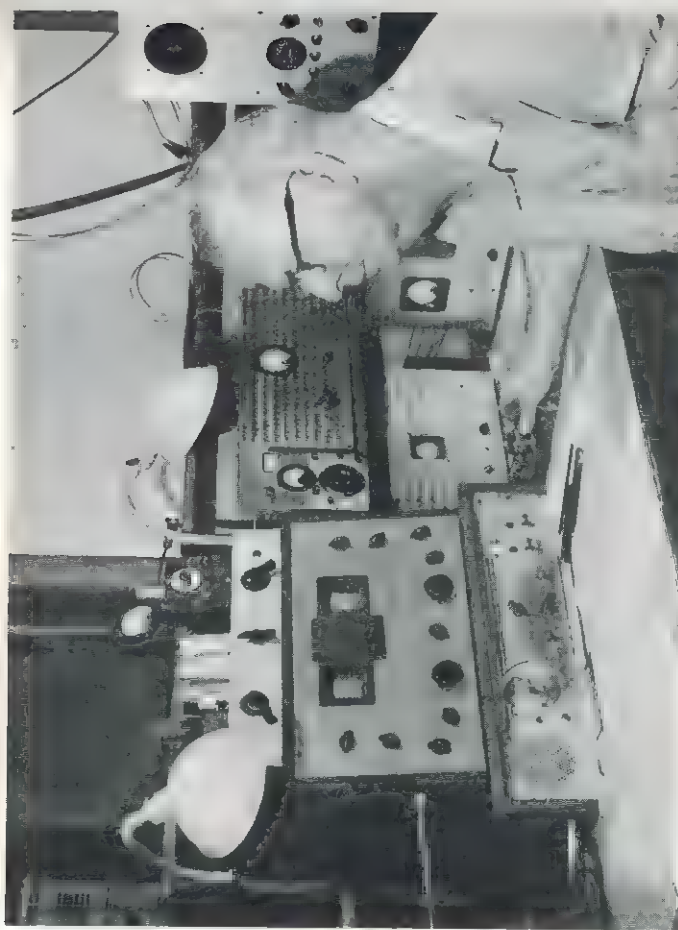




JERRY LUCAS -- 50th ANNIVERSARY PRESIDENT

Most members probably didn't realize it when they elected him, but Jerry Lucas, W9APJ, president of the IRC during its 50th anniversary year, is 50 years old himself. (You can judge for yourself whether he or the club has held up best during the half century.)

Jerry has been a club member since 1929, making him one of the few present members who have been in the organization for a sizable portion of its history. During that time he has held every office in the club, at one time or another, culminating this year in becoming president.

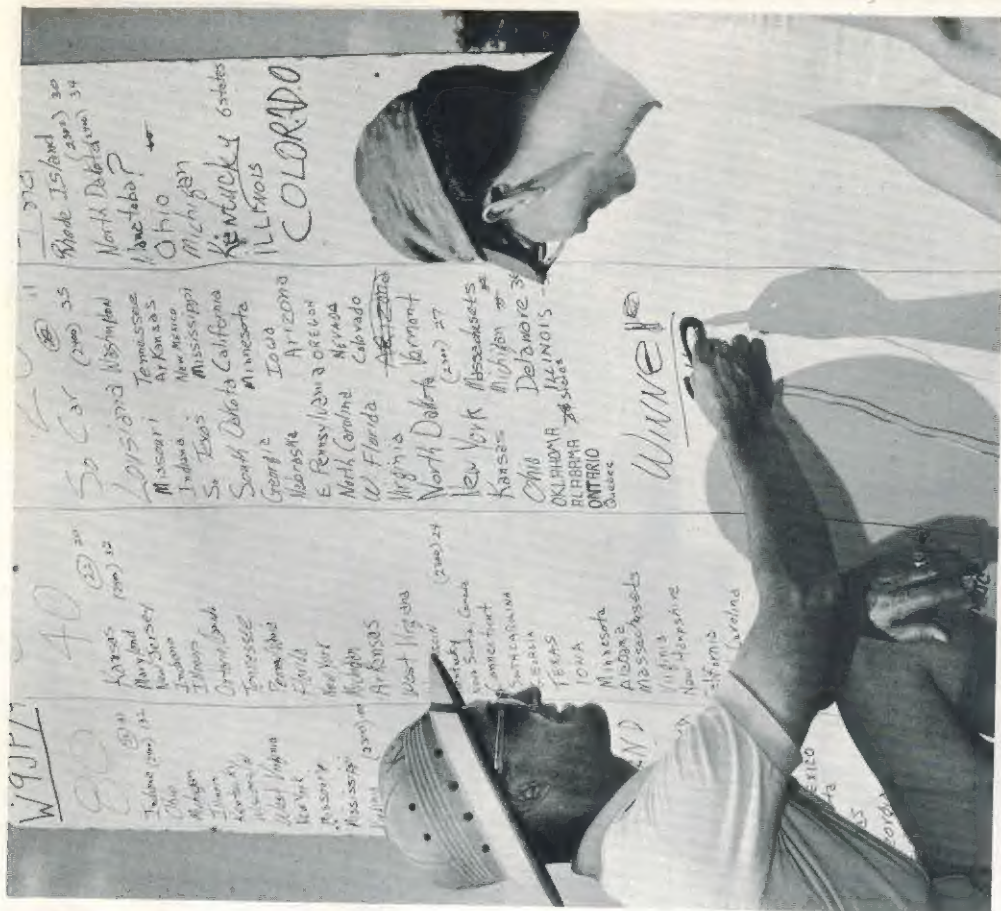


He was first licensed in 1929 with the call W9AHL. You can see an early station set-up of his on the facing page, and his present shack, in his workshop, above. If you haven't seen his shop, it's worth a trip out to 7830 Melbourne Road to see. Jerry has what many of us wish we had--a ham shack and workshop in a building separate from the house. The shop contains . . . well, there isn't room here to list all it contains. Suffice it to say it has a photographic darkroom, ham station and large collection of workbenches, power tools . . . and stuff he's going to work on one of these days.

Jerry's main interest in ham radio down through the years has been construction of equipment, rather than operation. Until surplus gear became available after World War II, almost everything he had was homemade, except for an HQ-129X receiver, which he still uses. In more recent years he has converted some FM gear to six meters and gets it on the air occasionally, along with a little CW operating on 40 meters.

Jerry is supervisor of the machining section at the Esterline-Angus company. "That means I get all the guff," he explains. His other hobbies are square dancing and photography.





# FIELD DAY

Considering that two weeks before this year's Field Day date it appeared the IRC wouldn't even participate, the eventual operation was a real swingin' affair.

Four stations were in continuous operation (except for a few hours in the early morning when conditions were punk on 20 meters) on 6 AM, 20 SSB and CW, 40 CW and 75 SSB. The location was a cow pasture at 38th and Mitthoeffer Road. Three tents (including one loaned by the Wilbert Burial Vault Co.) were set up. Dipoles on 40 and 75 were strung up between trees by the younger, more athletic members of the expedition, and a dipole on 20 and a 6 meter halo were supported

by two telescoping masts. Since the usual source of borrowed equipment fell through this year, two 2.5 KW motor generators were rented and proved quite adequate to the task.

Scores, with last year's figures for comparison, are:

	Contacts		Points	
	1964	1963	1964	1963
6 meters	115	121	690	726
20 meters	169	155	1014	930
40 meters	188	180	1128	1116
75 meters	380	246	2280	1476
TOTAL	852	708	5286	4422

Leading the crew that set up and operated were Dick Kinnett, K9VIE, and Ken Hopper, K9DNY, shown on the opposite page with a list of states and provinces worked. Shown below is the 20-meter SSB-CW set-up, being operated by Dean Coffin, WA9CKZ, and Dick Thompson, WA9LGN.







TOP: Craig Larson, WA9AKU, and Sumie Manning, WN9LVG, enjoy some fresh air while handling the 40 CW station at Field Day.

BOTTOM: Richard McKenna, WA9FUD, operates the 6 meter station at Field Day.

## ARRL BULLETINS

Among bulletins issued by the ARRL during the summer, when the Ama-Chewer was not published, are these, considered of special importance:

### OFFICIAL BULLETIN NR 954 June 4 1964

On May 28th, President Johnson signed the reciprocal operating privilege bill, S 920, opening the way for our Department of State, and similar entities in other governments, to consummate specific agreements permitting such interchange. (See July QST for details)

### OFFICIAL BULLETIN NR 959 July 2 1964

The Post Office Department has announced approval of the ARRL request for issuance of a commemorative postage stamp honoring amateur radio operators in recognition of public service contributions. The stamp will be issued later this year, perhaps in October, in connection with the 50th anniversary of ARRL. (See Sept. QST for details)

### OFFICIAL BULLETIN NR 960 July 9 1964

By report and order in Docket 14267, FCC has amended section 97.87 of its rules to delete the requirement for c.w. or phone identification of the station being called by an amateur station using facsimile, TV or RTTY. Thus, the dual identification of the transmitting stations henceforth can be by automatic means. FCC suggests keying speeds less (continued on next page)

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than 25 wpm and shifts greater than 100 cycles for this automatic identification. The amended text is similar in language to that shown in the appendix, page 63, March QST. (See Sept. QST for details)

# OFFICIAL BULLETIN NR 961 July 16 1964

The U. S. Court of Appeals for the seventh circuit in Chicago on July 10 issued its decision that the imposition of application fees by FCC is lawful and that amateurs are not exempt from the fees even though public service is rendered and there is no pecuniary value to the amateur service. The court's decision came in a suit against the FCC participated in by fourteen organizations, including ARRL. Unless there is an appeal or action by Congress, the application fees may therefore be regarded as permanent. (See Sept. QST for details)

# OFFICIAL BULLETIN NR 966 Aug 20 1964

The annual Simulated Emergency Test will be held October 3 and 4. All ARPSC amateurs, both in AREC and NTS, are urged to participate in local exercises and nationwide traffic handling activities involving traffic for the Red Cross, civil defense and other agencies. Much ARRL administrative traffic also will be flowing through regular traffic channels. ARRL precedence designations will be in use. Your local Emergency Coordinator will soon receive full details and additional information will appear in October QST. If you want to be a part of this nationwide demonstration of amateur radio public service facilities, contact your Emergency Coordinator now and sign up in the AREC so you can be worked into the plans.

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# GRAHAMS SPECIALS OF THE MONTH

Johnson Invader 200 .....	\$329.00
Johnson Viking II .....	\$ 79.00
Hammarlund HX-50 .....	\$339.00
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